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SUBJ: COMPLAINT ABOUT SOVIET CITIZENS'
DOCUMENTS

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA'S USA DIVISION MIKHAYLOV, DURING CALL JULY 16 BY POL COUNSELOR ON OTHER BUSINESS, MADE ORAL DEMARCHE, COMPLAINING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT CASES IN WHICH SOVIET CITIZENS VISITING THE EMBASSY AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD HAVE HAD THEIR DOCUMENTS PHOTOGRAPHED AND TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM. HE ASSERTED, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, THAT SOVIET CITIZEN KRAVCHENKO ON MAY 20 VISITED THE CONGEN, WHERE AMERICAN OFFICER TOOK HIS PASSPORT AND MILITARY SERVICE CARD FROM HIM; KRAVCHENKO ALLEGEDLY WAS ABLE TO GET THE CARD BACK ONLY AFTER 10 DAYS, THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENT.

2. WHILE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE SOVIETS HAVE VALID GRIEVANCE IN THIS AREA, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENTS CONGEN MAY WISH TO OFFER REGARDING THE SPECIFIC CASE RAISED BY MIKHAYLOV.
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